# Big Asteroid Approaching Earth Spotted by NASA Radar (Summary)

# On November 7, 2011, NASA was able to capture images of a huge asteroid, 2005 YU55. The asteroid was said to make a close encounter with Earth on November 8, 2011. 2005 YU55 is about 1,300 feet (400 meters) wide and will orbit around our planet, and will be closer to earth than the moon is. This is astonishing, considering the fact that no asteroid/meteor has ever gotten this close to earth since 1976. Although 2005 YU55 is close to Earth, no one is really worried that it would hit Earth. As 2005 YU55 passes Earth, we get the opportunity to watch as it goes. You don’t necessarily need a fancy telescope in order to catch a glimpse of the asteroid. You are able to watch the asteroid fly by just with a decent telescope and a clear sky.

# It’s crazy how an asteroid that is 1,300 feet passes by earth like it’s nothing. Although 2005 YU55 will not hit us, it’s still crazy how the asteroid will be closer to us compared to the moon. If I had known about the asteroid, I would’ve loved to watch it. Although it’s going to be awhile till another asteroid passes by earth like the 2005 YU55, it would’ve been nice to say I saw an asteroid out in space. After reading this article, I learned that in 2028, another asteroid might visit the same way as the 2005 YU55 asteroid, and that’s amazing.